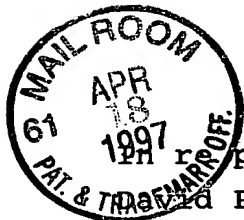


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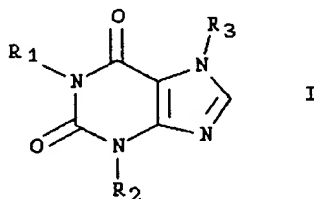
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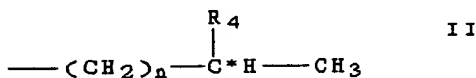
In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 1996,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A compound of formula I:



wherein R₁ has the formula II:



R₂ and R₃ are independently C₍₁₋₁₂₎ alkyl, optionally, R₂ having one or [more] two nonadjacent carbon atoms of the C₍₁₋₁₂₎ alkyl being replaced by an oxygen atom; and wherein:

C* is a chiral carbon atom;

n is four;

R₄ is a naturally occurring amino acid or carbohydrate moiety attached by an oxygen atom to the chiral carbon atom C*

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